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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Policy Decisions Regarding Phaseout of OSA and
Disposition of its Residuals

1. This memorandum is to provide the Deputy Director for Science and Technology and other staffs with a single document containing the policy and disposition decisions on the residual assets of the Office of Special Activities. Because of the very complex makeup of OSA and the resultant complexities of the turn over of its assets to other units (inter and intra Agency), it is intended that the attachment hereto be used as a decision document by the DD/S&T and an implementation document by other staff agencies.

2. In order to make this memorandum as comprehensive as possible, the following are basic planning factors and assumptions to be used herein:

a. PLANNING FACTORS:

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(2) The 04/30/74 OSA Position Control Roster illustrates the makeup of OSA by subcomponent and staff function and is used as the basis for this paper. Not included in this PCR are the two man Weather Detachment, contract personnel and commercial field service support technical representatives.

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b. ASSUMPTIONS:

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(2) The order of OSA phaseout activities will be:

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(a) Deactivation, within 90 days of T date, of Detachment H [REDACTED] and return of its assets to Detachment G (Edwards Air Force Base, California).

(b) Deactivation, within 180 days of T date, of Detachment G and turn over of its assets to USAF and other Agency components.

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(c) Headquarters staff elements will be dissolved on an incremental and opportune basis commencing with TACKLE termination, and contingent on the operational/ [REDACTED] situation at various points during the 180 day phaseout period.

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(d) [REDACTED] activity, supported principally by Detachment G, may involve Agency personnel assets thru 31 December 1974.

(3) The total OSA phaseout activities are to be completed within 180 days of the established TACKLE termination date.

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3. No attempt is made in this memo to reassign the OSA slots to other offices/staffs. This is due to the inherent problem of OSA being presently allotted (FY-75 and FY-76) much fewer slots than personnel assigned. However, subject to the DD/S&T's approval (or nonapproval) of the attached decisions, a reordering of available slots (OSA and others) should be the next order of priorities in this OSA phaseout activity.

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